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By Gil Cabacungan Jr.

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Caught flat-footed by a blistering protest in what was supposed to be a benign affair, Malacañang has ordered a full review of its advance security procedures after a sta-

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First Pinoy space writers nominated for 'Emme'

By Volt Contreras

ONE GAZES AT THE SKIES FROM QUEZON City, the other from another time zone in California. But both proved that Filipinos rank among the best in turning the high-tech world of space science into a down-to-earth subject.

Co-authors Peter Galace and Virgil Labrador

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Oil prices hit all-time high

Wild week on top of wild week ends with $75.17/barrel

NEW YORK—OIL FUtures surged to a new high above $75 a barrel Friday (Saturday in Manila), capping a record-breaking week in commodity markets.

Oil prices ended with a $5 jump this week alone, amid heightened concerns over Iran's nuclear program, interruptions in Nigeria's oil production and fresh fears about gasoline shortfalls in the United States this summer.

While Friday's price was the highest reached on the New York Mercantile Exchange since oil futures began trading there in 1983, it was lower than the inflation-adjusted record reached in 1981 of about $85 a barrel in today's dollars.

Crude oil for June delivery rose to $75.17 a barrel, up $1.48. Futures touched an intra-day trading high of $75.35 a barrel. Oil prices, up 25 percent this year, have more than doubled in two years.

In London, the June contract for Brent North Sea crude also hit a historic high of $74.79 a barrel before settling back to close at $74.57, up 1.38 percent.

"It's been a wild week on top of the previous wild week, coming after a wild year," said Thomas Bentz, an oil broker with BNP Paribas in New York. "And it seems like there's no slowing this

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SPLENDOR IN THE SUN

There is something to be said about the setting and the rising of the summer sun. Its intensities. The reflections of its colors in the landscape of sea and sky. The awesome possibilities of its being. But one cannot speak before the sun's majesty and beauty. Take it all in before the majesty goes, the lightness and the beauty dim into darkness.

Cardinal: Give Earth back its primal strength

By Blanche S. Rivera

FROM ONE OF THE MOST INFAMOUS symbols of environmental destruction in the world, an apology to Mother Earth and a reprimand to humanity rang out yesterday.

"Give the earth back its primal strength by respecting the laws of nature instead of abusing its bounty for greed and profit," Gaudencio Cardinal Rosales said in his homily at Manila's Smokey Mountain, once a massive heap of trash that stood for years as a symbol of poverty in the country.

Rosales led environmentalists, businessmen and government officials, including President Macapagal-Arroyo, in celebrating Earth Day at the former mountain of shame, which is now a resettlement site.

Rosales blamed human greed for destroying the balance in nature and endangering future generations.

"The earth does not belong to humans; humans belong to the earth. And if they need to protect and prolong their lives, they must, of necessity protect and prolong the life of their home, the planet, the Earth," Rosales said.

He called on the people to preserve the environment by planting trees, reviving watersheds, replenishing aquifers and disposing of their garbage properly.

"God has shown humans, through tragic experience, that nature has a way of

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BRIDGE OVER TROUBLED WATER

Along Road 10 in Smokey Mountain, Tondo, the cantilevered construction of squatter shanties hangs from a busy bridge right over the river leading to the open sea. An architectural wonder found only in the Philippines.

GMA, military prepared to protect turf from Senate's 'rogue' inquiries

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr. and Dona Pazzibugan

THE SUPREME COURT MAY HAVE SPOken on the issue of Executive Order No. 464 but the battle over what can and cannot be disclosed to the public seems far from over.

President Macapagal-Arroyo is prepared to protect her turf, Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye declared yesterday after senators announced their plan to resume their probes into alleged government irregularities.

"The Office of the President shall safeguard executive privilege on matters of national security and the public interest, and nuisance-making politicians must not think they can push the executive branch around," Bunye said in a statement.

"The high court has upheld the legitimacy of executive privilege and this will be invoked against rogue inquiries staged for political mischief rather than in aid of legislation."

Asked if Armed Forces officials would now testify in congressional hearings they had previously snubbed, spokesperson Maj. Gen. Jose Honrado said the military "will comply" with the decision of the Supreme Court, which struck down portions of Ms Arroyo's EO 464 last week.

But Honrado quickly added: "We have precedent rules and regulations governing disclosure and that will be invoked."

"While it's always said that government agencies are required by law to inform the public, there are exceptions," Honrado added.

He referred to the 1988 Code of Ethics and Conduct of Public Officials which says government offices shall provide official information, records or documents to the requesting public, except in seven instances.

According to the law, information may be kept secret in certain cases, such as:

- In the interest of national security or in the conduct of foreign affairs;
- When a person would be put in imminent danger;
- When the information falls under established privilege or other exceptions set by law;
- When it compromises drafts or policy decisions;
- When it invades personal privacy;
- When it interferes with law enforcement proceedings; or
- When it prematurely discloses new regulations and government actions.

Honrado said he was referring to documents in general and not just particularly to the military's controversial "Melgar Report" which cleared three generals of involvement in alleged election fraud to help Ms Arroyo win the 2004 presidential election.

Despite an outcry from the Senate, the military has doggedly refused to fully disclose the contents of the report prepared

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Erap: No apologies, they are forgiven

By Norman Bordadora and Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

ERAP HAS FORGIVEN THEM.

Former President Joseph Estrada yesterday said he had forgiven those who played a part in his ouster from Malacañang five years ago and who had come to visit him at his Tanay rest house detention or during his short furloughs.

Estrada readily ticked off the names of Environment Secretary Angelo Reyes, former Vice President Teofisto Guingona, former Defense Secretary Orlando Mercado, Sen. Manuel Villar, former Quezon Rep. Wigberto Tañada, as well as Senate President Franklin Drilon and former Sen. Loren Legarda—members of the Senate impeachment court.

"I've forgiven them. I am a Christian. I read the Bible three times a week," Estrada told the Inquirer.

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Teves sees balanced budget by 2008

WASHINGTON—THE PHILIPPINES, ASIA'S SEcond largest sovereign debt issuer after Japan, expects to attain a balanced budget in 2008 rather than the original target date of 2010, Finance Secretary Margarito Teves said here on Friday (Saturday in Manila).



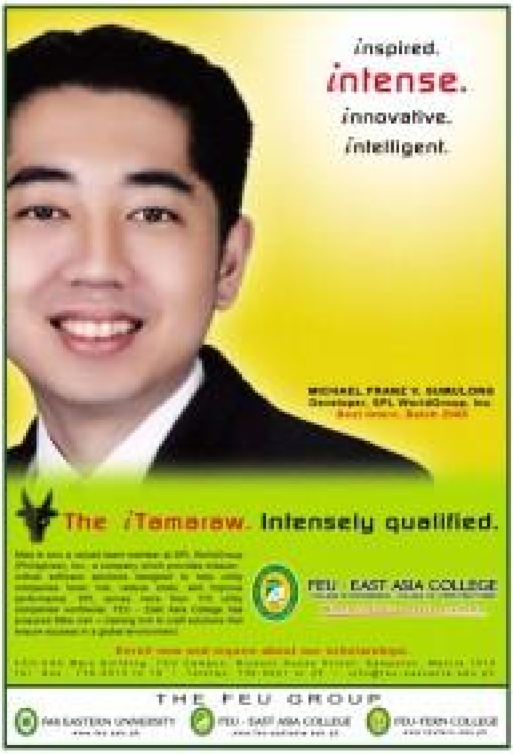
WORLD BANK group president Paul Wolfowitz (center), Philippine Finance Secretary and chair of G-24 Margarito Teves (left) and Philippine Finance Undersecretary ...

Audit of World Bank sought as part of anticorruption drive

Building a better RP begins with each Pinoy, new cyber group says

Atmosphere of despair

Not a magic chamber





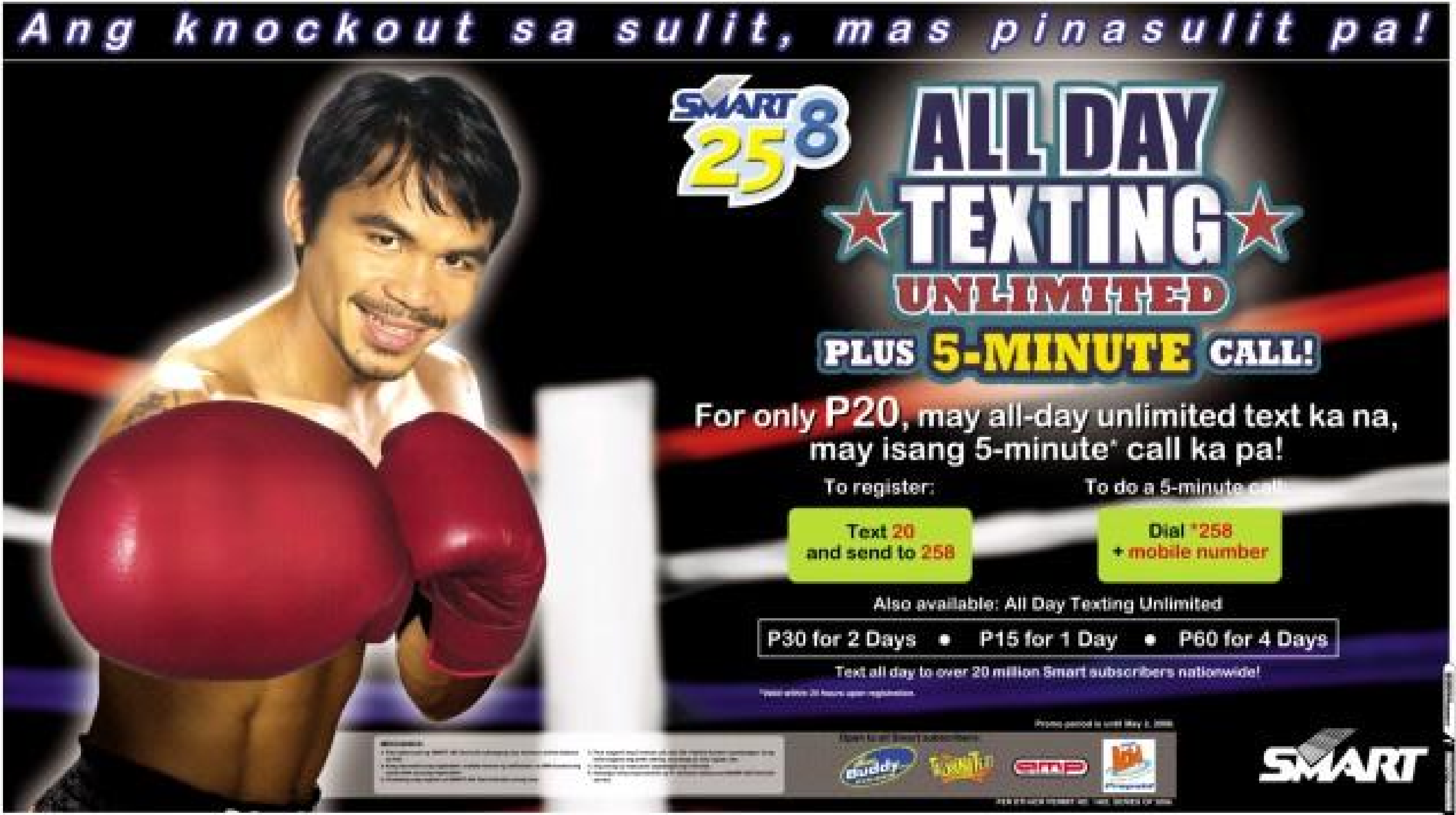
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GMA, military prepared to protect turf from Senate's 'rogue' probes

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Lagman: House to fast-track repeal of death penalty law

By Philip C. Tubeza



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By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

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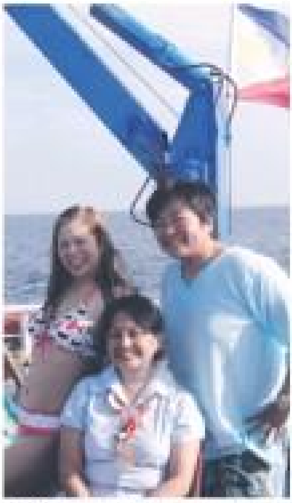




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OPINION

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They lost it

EDITORIAL

IN A DEMOCRACY, IT IS THE DUTY OF JUDGES TO make distinctions. Disputes are resolved, not through judicial fiat, but through an act of reasoning, sometimes even luminous, reasoning. Precisely because the judiciary is the only non-political branch of government, its decisions must win assent through the arguments used.

In the battle for public opinion, however, nuance is the first casualty. Consider the sustained interpretation being pushed by the Palace, all but welcoming the unanimous Supreme Court ruling striking down key provisions of the controversial Executive Order 464.

"It was not zero for the administration, it was a balanced decision," Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez said yesterday, two full days after the ruling came down.

A closer look at the actual ruling, however, and a review of the circumstances that led to the issuance of the order itself, will show that Gonzalez, and other Palace officials like Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye and Presidential Chief of Staff Michael Defensor, are engaged desperately, and all-too-transparently, in the correct sport of spin.

To be sure, the high court, through the decision written by Associate Justice Conchita Carpio Morales, took special care to understand the true limits of the matter involved. This sense of balance is apparent from the "ponencia's" first two sentences: "A transparent government is one of the hallmarks of a truly republican state. Even in the early history of republican thought, however, it has been recognized that the head of government may keep certain information confidential in pursuit of the public interest."

This is the issue joined. It is crucial to note that, in the end, the high court addressed itself to answer three, and only three, questions.

"The Court synthesizes the issues to be resolved as follows: 1. Whether EO 464 contravenes the power of inquiry vested in Congress; 2. Whether EO 464 violates the right of the people to information on matters of public concern; and 3. Whether respondents have committed grave abuse of discretion when they implemented EO 464 prior to its publication in a newspaper of general circulation."

The answers, in brief, are: Yes, "the people should have been apprised of this issuance before it was implemented." Yes, "any executive issuance tending to unduly limit disclosures of information in such investigations necessarily deprives the people of information." And yes, the most controversial part of the order "severely frustrates the power of inquiry of Congress [emphasis in the original]."

Immediately after this statement comes a summation that anticipates the decision's dispositive portion: "In fine, Section 3 and Section 2(b) of EO 464 must be invalidated."

Section 3 regulates the appearance of public officials other than department secretaries before Congress; Section 2(b) enumerates who these officials are.

Because the well-written decision maintains its balancing act all throughout, a casual reader or a Palace apologist may think that Gonzalez is right: that it is a "balanced" decision, or a "win-win" solution, in the crass words of other commentators. It is certainly a well-tempered work, and gives us an example of how to deploy tact and reason to win the assent of conflicting parties.

But let us not be naive. The main reason for the EO was to prevent other officials from testifying in largely hostile congressional investigations. In fact, the EO describes itself as an order, "ensuring observance of the principle of separation of powers, adherence to the rule on executive privilege and respect for the rights of public officials appearing in legislative inquiries in aid of legislation."

Now Section 3, one of the two key provisions declared unconstitutional, reads: "All public officials enumerated in Section 2(b) hereof shall secure prior consent of the President prior to appearing before either House of Congress to ensure the observance of the principle of separation of powers, adherence to the rule on executive privilege and respect for the rights of public officials appearing in inquiries in aid of legislation."

In other words, the EO's very reason for being was invalidated. 'Win-win?' Not at all. The Arroyo administration lost this one.

Dual allegiance

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

YESTERDAY I WROTE ABOUT REPUBLIC ACT No. 9225, which allows natural-born Filipinos who have been naturalized in other countries to retain or reacquire their Philippine citizenship that they otherwise would have to forfeit as a result of their adoption of a foreign citizenship. Under the Citizenship Retention and Reacquisition Act of 2003, such Filipinos will become dual citizens if their adopted countries will allow them to retain their naturalized citizenship while also enjoying Philippine citizenship.

Most countries require their naturalized citizens to declare in their oath of allegiance to their new state that they categorically and absolutely renounce their allegiance to any and all other states. There is also the doctrine of indelible allegiance, which prohibits a citizen from transferring his loyalty to another state and considers his naturalization there legally ineffective in his original state.

Strictly speaking, an individual covered by either of the above situations cannot be considered a dual citizen because there is no simultaneous application to him of different citizenship laws. It is only where the original state and the adopted state respectively acknowledge him as their citizen that he will acquire the legal status of a "dual citizen."

Under Com. Act No. 63, a Filipino woman who married a foreigner would lose her Philippine citizenship if she followed her husband's citizenship as acquired by the laws of his country. Our Constitution now provides, however, that a Filipino woman who marries a foreigner will retain her Philippine citizenship notwithstanding her acquisition of his citizenship by reason of their marriage. She would, therefore, be a dual citizen.

Dual citizenship may also occur involuntarily, as in the case of the simultaneous application of the jus soli and the jus sanguinis to, say, a person born in the United States to Filipino parents. He would become a citizen of the United States because of his place of birth and also a citizen of the Philippines because of his parents' citizenship. (Rep. Act No. 9225 would not apply to him, however, because the second citizenship was not acquired by naturalization.)

Assuming that each of the separate states decides to consider the dual citizen as its own, he can thus have the privilege of enjoying the best of two worlds. The Fil-American dual citizen can avoid the rainy season here by enjoying spring in America and escaping the winter there by coming to the Philippines with its balmy weather during the Yuletide. And, of course, he will have both Philippine and American passports that he can choose from in his journeys.

To be realistic, however, the dual citizen must take into account not only his rights but also his obligations under the laws of the separate countries. Each of them, to take but one example, has the inherent power to tax its citizens on what he earns outside its territory and even abroad. Thus, a Filipino-Italian citizen must pay taxes in Italy for income earned there and also elsewhere even as he would be taxed too for income earned by him in the Philippines and also elsewhere.

The special advantage of the Fil-American citizen, however, is that he can vote against George W. Bush and also against Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, both as a matter of right and patriotic duty.

I do not share the cloying sentimentality of Congress in allowing Filipinos to re-acquire or retain their natural-born citizenship after previously and formally abandoning it. What is ironic is that we generously permit them at the same time to continue their allegiance to their adopted foreign country and thus dilute their loyalty to their freedom-loving Philippines.

In my ponencia in Frivaldo vs. Commission on Elections, 174 SCRA 245, I said:

"It is true as the petitioner points out that the status of the natural-born citizen is favored by the Constitution and our laws, which is all the more reason why it should be treasured like a pearl of great price. But once it is surrendered or renounced, the gift is gone and cannot be lightly restored. This country of ours, for all its difficulties and limitations, is like a jealous and possessive mother. Once rejected, it is not quick to welcome back with eager arms its prodigal and repentant children. The returning renegade must show, by an express and unequivocal act, the renewal of his loyalty and love."

And I repeat my dissent in Aznar vs. Commission on Elections, 185 SCRA 703, as follows:

"When a person repents and decides to leave his wife to enter into a second marriage, he cannot say he still loves her despite his desertion. The undeniable fact is that he has left her for another woman to whom he has totally and solemnly transferred his troth. It does him no credit when he protests he married a second time simply for material convenience and that his heart still belongs to the wife he has abandoned. At worst, it would be sordid and deceitful character."

So criticize me for being cynical and narrow-minded. It's only that in my view, dual citizenship necessarily imports dual allegiance, which the Constitution considers inimical to the national interest.

Reach out

MOMENTS

Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

THE STORY IS TOLD ABOUT A MAN WHO lent P50,000 to a friend who wanted to undergo plastic surgery. Today, the man's big problem is that he can't collect on the loan because he can't recognize his friend anymore!

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After the Resurrection, the big problem of the disciples is that they could not recognize the Lord, and right away, [illegible] Gospel (Jn. 20: 19-31) He had to show the nail marks on His hands and on His side to make the disciples, especially Thomas, believe. The Lord took the pain of revealing Himself to them in very concrete ways to help them understand and believe. Such is our God, ever reaching out to us, ever going out of His way to assure us of His presence and His love.

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It is better to believe that you are loved than to believe that you are not loved. There is a "doubting Thomas" in each and everyone of us. And, there will always be people in our lives, who—no matter what you do for them—will always be insecure of our love. Are you a "doubting Thomas"? Do you always need to be assured of love? Please don't spend your whole lifetime doubting and seeking assurance. Why don't you do some believing and some reaching instead for a change? Reach out, like the Risen Lord, and give life.

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Instead of getting engrossed in your personal doubts and endless introspection, why don't you get involved in the mission outside you—the mission that awaits you? "As the Father has sent you, so I send you." Many people still have not heard the Good News of Christ's Resurrection. A confrere, Fr. Reil de la Rosa, SVD notes that the Bible has been translated into 2,300 languages only; there are in this world 6,700 languages. He further notes that the cross, the symbol of Christian faith, is known only by 54 percent of the world's population while the five rings, the symbol of the Olympics, is known and recognized by 92 percent of the world's population. And the McDonald's sign of very recent times is known and recognized by 88 percent of the world's population. Think about it! What have you done to spread His message of hope and love?

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It is also interesting to note that the disciples had their doors locked "for fear of the Jews." I wonder how many of us constantly live in fear, be "fear of the news." I wonder how people, those who do every day on national news, feel, as if they feel at all? How could some people who are in the news every day continue to lie, and, in fact, believe, that they can get away with their lies? Just wondering.

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"My Lord and my God!" Who, what is your Lord and God in this life? Is there something or someone greater than you who moves you and drives you? Are you a slave to your personal desires and to material things? Is the person you are serving worth all the efforts?

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Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. Blessed that we are, it is our consolation and hope that we have a God who is understanding and merciful. Yes, whoever we are, wherever we have been, the Lord's constant and unconditional greeting is: "Peace be with you."

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Inviting you to join our bi-annual "Walk with God" from Dolores City to Manaoag, Pangasinan on May 6. We start at 4 a.m. in front of the Dolores Cathedral and have our Mass at the Manaoag Shrine by 11 a.m. The three-hour walk is a little sacrifice we offer to thank the Lord and Mama Mary for blessings received. We also make the sacrifice to ask their continuous blessings for us, [illegible], especially to pray for true peace and righteousness in our land.

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Once a year, the [illegible] tree at the back of our [illegible] its previous life. The [illegible] can make this tree bloom with such vivid red flowers, such that it becomes a beautiful sight. [illegible] I can't help but remember what Papa and Mama told us when we were children. What is important in a person is not so much his or her external beauty, but the sweetness of his or her character.

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A text message worth pondering on: As we follow Him, we discover that we lose to gain, surrender to win, give to receive, die to live.

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Inviting you to attend a half-day seminar on Understanding Behavioral Problems in the [illegible] This will be held on April 29, 2006, 8 a.m. to 12 noon at Janssen Hall, Christ the King Seminary, E. Rodriguez Jr. Avenue, Quezon City. For inquiries, please call 372-2261 or 0917-4157949.

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A moment with the Lord:

Lord, instead of doubting and being in fear, help me to reach out and give. Amen.

The Mayuga report and 'Spy Wednesday'

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Treasures of CAMIGUIN

With an area of only 265 sq km, Camiguin is the smallest Philippine island known to support bird, mammal and amphibian species nowhere else to be found

By Sara Pedrosa
PDI Research

MORE THAN ITS BEACHES, diving spots, Mt. Hibok-hibok and ... Camiguin Island is now famous for another kind of treasure: its endemic wildlife—animals and birds that can be found nowhere else in the Philippines or the rest of the world.



The island at a glance

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Forest cover

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Protected area



Apomys camiguinensis

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INQUIRER Mindanao

Marines build water system for Patikul



US SOLDIERS and other guests wait for the ribbon cutting for the water system project.

By Julie S. Alipala
Patikul, Sulu

FOR ABOUT 50 YEARS, RESIDENTS of four neighboring villages here had to content themselves with the cost of transporting potable water from downtown Jolo because they did not have a localized water system.

Datu Ahmad Albani, chief of Barangay Latih, said the problem was not the lack of sources.

In fact in nearby Danag town, there is a spring but there was no way to bring the water to other areas because of lack of infrastructure.

Before, Albani said, residents of his village had to buy water from Jolo—which is about an hour away via a rough road—then transport it to their homes using public utility jeepneys.

Bangkal village chief Abugar Hadjul said his constituents bought water for about P1.50 per 20-liter container from the Sulu Water District.

He said transporting these containers was more costly than the water itself although Bangkal is nearer Jolo.

"For each container, we spend P5 for the fare. Imagine how much our people need to spend. Each household requires 15 containers daily," he said.

Three months ago, the situation started to change.

The Marine Battalion Landing Team 7 (MBLT 7) learned about the problem during a dialogue with residents of Latih, Bangkal, Danag, Maimbung and Bunghaong.

MBLT 7 chief Lt. Col. Marvin Pinto said during the dialogue that his team learned of the existing spring in Danag and the possibility it could be tapped to supply other villages with safe drinking water.

"They have a good source of water; the problem was how to share the water with nearby households," Pinto said.

Several dialogues later, the Marines and the residents of the five villages reached an agreement to develop the spring through the bayanihan (self-help) system.

Col. Juancho Sabban, commander of the 3rd Marine Brigade, said Marine soldiers and residents labored together to get the water system running.

"Men, women, and children, along with the Marine soldiers started digging up distribution lines from Bud Danag Spring," Sabban said.

The work entailed digging almost 22 kilometers of canal that would accommodate the water pipes that would link the barangays.

The residents also contributed whatever amount they could afford while Pinto said he sought financial assistance from the Joint Special Operations Task Force Philippines (JSOTFP) to purchase huge water tanks.

Aside from the JSOTFP, the 3P Foundation also helped put up the water system.

"We were able to put up eight water tanks," Sabban said.

"Until now, I still feel the pain in my back. But I am very happy since we have water now even if we don't go to Jolo," Albani said.

To ensure the newly established water project, Sabban said the Marines and the villagers also agreed to assign a team of barangay tanod (village guards) to the spring and to the reservoirs.

Hadjul and Albani said they are now discussing ways of sustaining the water system including steps to protect the aquifer that feeds the spring.

Sabban said while the residents learned that the military is not the enemy, the Marines also learned that problems can be solved if the people are taught how to address it.



ONE OF the reservoirs for the water system that residents of the Patikul villages built with the help of the Marines in January.

Marawi ban on vices hailed, hit

By Edwin O. Fernandez and Jeffrey M. Tupas

THE BANNING BY THE MARAWI CITY GOVERNMENT OF PORnography, gambling and public display of homosexuality and liquor is gaining support, mostly from Muslim clerics.



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Young boy wants to pursue art studies

SEAN PAJARON IS JUST 17 years old but he is already earning a lot of admirations for his paintings.



SEAN "Botchoy" Pajaron has won several awards for his paintings and drawings.

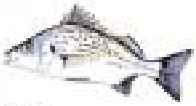
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Across the NATION

Church opposes Ecija STL operation

SAN JOSE CITY—THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNment of Nueva Ecija stopped the pilot testing of the Small Town Lottery (STL) as Gov. Tomas Joson III said he was holding the approval of the game's operations amid opposition from the Catholic Church.





Another fish species near extinction

Bomb-maker death foiled attack plan



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Tarlac village chiefs want share of ₱10.5B

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Pastoral letter says signature drive deceitful

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Abu chieftain ordered Jolo co-op bombing



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Negros contractors seek DOJ help for payments

Web becomes forum for sea tragedy log

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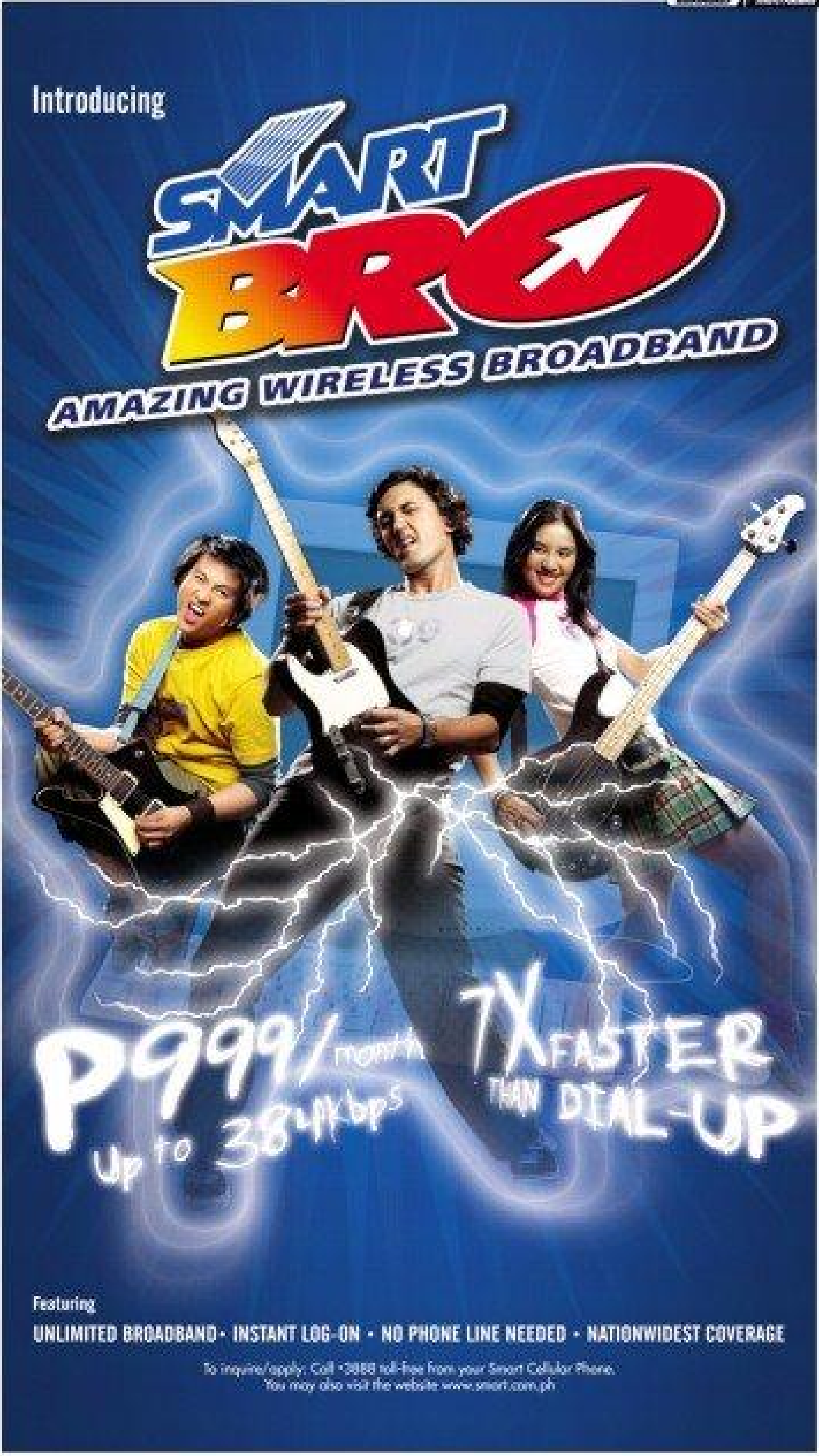


NPA guerrillas return items taken from cops

By Carla P. Gomez
PDI Visayas Bureau

Absence of X-ray in Siquijor hospital traced to lack of ₱20

By Alex Pal
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Kids learn to save forest in nature camp

Dumagats help in conservation efforts on Mount Purro

By Edson C. Tandoc Jr

GROWING UP IN A REMOTE mountain barangay in Antipolo City, Angelita San Jose, a member of the Dumagat community living in the area, knew for a fact that for her family to live, parts of the forest must die.

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Proud symbol

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Welcoming sight

[illegible]



SAN JOSE: [illegible]



REFRESHING DIP
Families flock to the swimming pool of the La Mesa Ecopark in the La Mesa Dam compound, Quezon City, to escape from the sweltering heat.

Gov't urged to deregulate bus fares

Growth-limiting

Marikina declares 'Carless Day'

TOMORROW IS "CARLESS DAY" IN Marikina City.

Manila forest park reopens

THE MANILA CITY GOVERNMENT



CHILDREN learn about the environment through outdoor activities like rope sports and other games at the nature camp.

Napolcom gives tips on PNP tests

THE NATIONAL POLICE COMMISSION HAS

MetroBriefs

Free internet lessons

Korean ballet company in town



BALLET Manila artistic director Lisa Macuja-Elizalde (second from left) with some members of the ballet company from Seoul, South Korea.

Kids learn to save forest ...



Outdoor fun

Difficult but worth it

Life-changer

Chess prodigy rises above handicap

Marc Nazario's goal is to become world champion at 22





Aiming high

Advantages, disadvantages

Help from strangers

GLOBAL Pinoy

Self-maid in Singapore





WHEN HER NINE-YEAR MARRIAGE ENDED, Crisanta Sampang left her kids aged 7, 5 and 2 with their grandmother, and got a job as maid in Singapore.

Writing articles



FRESH OFF THE PLANE IN 1994: Sampang with her two wards Kenny, 2, and Marc, 5 (foreground), in Singapore

Launching her book

Maid in Vancouver

FAST FACTS

Filipinos living and working in Singapore

Population (as of 2004)	136,489
Temporary (OFWs)	64,137
Undocumented	72,000
Permanent residents	352
Professions/skills	
Domestic helpers	31,600
Computer programmers	8,850
Architects/draftsmen	5,800
Engineers	6,265
Nurses/nursing aides	4,500
Construction workers	1,050
Hotel interns	770
Factory workers	380
Musicians/entertainers	730
Others	18,262
Remittances (as of 2005, in million US dollars)	246.1
Filipinos in detention	1,403

Going places in all-weather denim jackets

By Cyril L. Bonabente
PDI Research

A POPULAR BRAND OF JEANS came up with the slogan "Make them your own" for its international advertising campaign in 2005.





The WORLD

Nepal king pledges to relinquish power

Protests rage on as alliance rejects offer

KATMANDU, NEPAL—NEPAL'S OPPOSITION ALLIANCE REJECTED King Gyanendra's offer to name a prime minister for a new government as tens of thousands of protesters defied curfew orders and marched through the tense capital on Saturday.



S. Korea, Japan deadlocked over disputed islands

Hu visit: Small gaffes may overshadow smaller gains

By Joseph Kahn



Texas jury awards $32M in Vioxx case

Verdana Strengthens Value of Home and Community with Central Park



Dismay, anxiety over crackdown on illegals

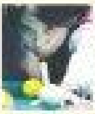


AMERICAN IDOL

Probiotic yogurt aids in getting rid of ulcer bug

Sunday SPORTS

What's Inside



Giants escape Aces in Roxas

ROXAS CITY—PUREFOODS BATTLED FROM 11 POINTS DOWN and proved steadier in the stretch to turn back Alaska, 69-64, last night in the PBA Gran Matador Brandy Philippine Cup at the Capiz gym here.

La Salle ban harsh—Juico

By Francis Ochoa

Paderna, Condes beat opponents



Montaña nips Harbour, retains Unity Cup lead

Taguig pips Spring Oil; Bacchus wins

Lhuillier backs Nat'l Battle of Champions



Golden Link battles locals

By Musong R. Castillo

Boyaa 57th season begins

Bacolod girl takes a shot at RP slot



By Musong R. Castillo

Encounter with Erap

SPECTATOR

World champ leads Enerva 9-Ball field



AMIT



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Roxas Blvd. lane closed for AF3

SPORTSWATCH

San Marino GP viewing party

Burlington Sports Summer promo

Salpukan at Makati Wednesday

Heritage Cup champ known Tuesday





FEDERER: Ahead of schedule

Federer feels at home; Nadal hits his stride

All eyes on LeBron

'King James' leads Cavs' playoff bid

CLEVELAND, OHIO—LeBron James has finally led the Cleveland Cavaliers into the National Basketball Association playoffs, the team's first post-season appearance since 1998.



CLEVELAND'S hopes will ride on the back of LeBron James.

Nets thrive under the shadows of the Knicks

NBA greats pose great test—Chot

Schumacher, Alonso brace for face-off



THE PHILIPPINES' Frankie Miñoza warms up before he tees off on the first hole during the third day at the Asian Open golf.

Stenson hangs on by one; Miñoza stumbles with a 76

NATURAL CHARITY

Webb nears leaders; Rosales shoots 67



La Salle-Ateneo Golf Classic May 15-16 at Canlubang

Southwoods nips Riviera in playoff

MANILA SOUTHWOODS PULLED off another playoff victory recently, knocking out second-seeded Riviera to advance to the finals of the Ladies Federation League.



All-Star winners get cash

Peñalosa-Muñoz in Pacquiao card

Malaysia joins RP Open badminton



SM Storyland Junior Camp starts April 29



RP chess bets start Olympiad training



V-LEAGUE

Lady Falcons open up strong



Ateneo prevails

UPH-Laguna, Valenzuela lead girls volley winners

Kegfest stakes P3M



ENTERTAINMENT



THE SONGBIRD would rather do other artists' songs on the karaoke.

Regine: I thought I was going to jail

By Marinel R. Cruz





OMB, Anti-Film Piracy Council at loggerheads

By Bayani San Diego Jr.



EDU Manzano

SUNDAY CROSSWORD

PREMIER CROSSWORD / By Frank A. Longo

IN OR OUT?

Cuesbé's music video launch

SHOW TIME

Mother's Day at EK

Beauties at Robinsons

Today



Anti-Film...

Donations

Attempts





CHRISTIAN Bautista



CHERYL Burke

Yasmien and Rainier 'comfortable' together



RAINIER and Yasmien

RUSHES

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The name is Christian

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Cheryl Burke due home

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Brown University grad

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Kudos to Mesah!

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Leo's latest

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FEEDBACK

Anti-Heart

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Pro-Heart

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Kid Fit

Disney musical latest kiddie phenomenon






MICKEY Mouse's family continues to grow. Soon there may be Troy and Gabriella, too.

LOS ANGELES—THE MOST HE and his colleagues were expecting to do with "High School Musical," a song-and-dance romance that Disney executive Gary Marsh described as "Grease" meets "Romeo and Juliet," was create a hit movie for kids.

What happened was, they unleashed one of the biggest US children's-TV phenomena since "The Ballad of Davy Crockett" in the 1950s.

When "High School Musical" debuted on the Disney Channel on Jan. 20, it drew nearly eight million US viewers, making it the top-rated basic-cable TV show that week. When it was repeated the next night, it drew more than six million viewers, according to the Nielsen Media Research group.

What's the fuss?

The broadcast of a karaoke version was a hit, and in March the songs from the movie were among the 12 most-popular downloads at the Apple iTunes Music Store. The movie soundtrack reached No. 1 on the US Billboard pop-music charts two weeks after its release and hit No. 1 four weeks later. At one point there were nine singles from the soundtrack on the charts.

There are plans for a sequel. The DVD of the original will be released next month with "High School Musical—the Encore." A stage show and a touring concert version is a possibility. Cell phone ring tones from the movie are going on sale and a book-to-back airing of the film and the karaoke version was set yesterday. In June, Disney will export "High School Musical" to its cable channels in 21 other countries.

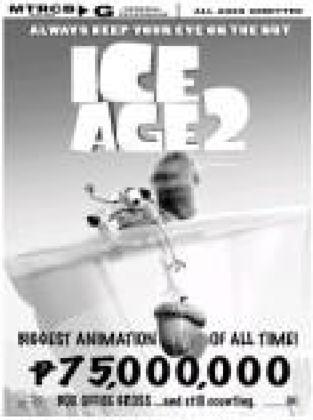
What's all the fuss about?

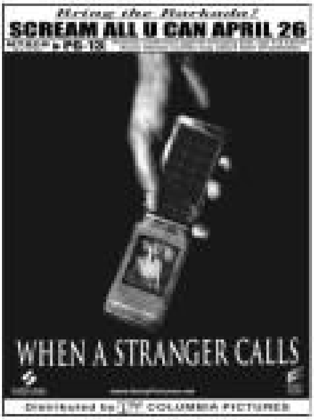
When some kids in suburban LA were surveyed, recently, every hand shot up when asked if they had seen the show.

The film was made with a teenage cast of relative unknowns: Zac Efron as Troy, a basketball star, and Vanessa Anne Hudgens as "brainiac" Gabriella trying out for the lead parts in their high school musical. Their efforts are almost derailed by their friends but they all eventually get on the same page, singing and dancing pretty much every step of the way.

"The soundtrack isn't exactly challenging," according to a recent Billboard review. "[But] it does feature a pretty engaging mix of tunes and empowering messages."

Marsh, president of entertainment for Disney Channel Worldwide, makes no apologies. "A kid's world is incredibly tense and full of pressures and anguish. If we can provide the release valve... it's our fresh goal." AP







We hope psychologists will be on hand for 'PBB' teen edition



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Movies on TV

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Metropolitan Museum

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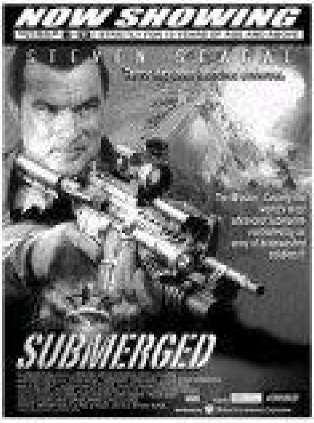
Secret Bible Week

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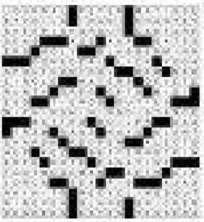


Cheer Factor

RP onstage

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ENTERTAINMENT

Fathers & sons: Douglas, Sutherland

...by the way, how is dear Julia doing on Broadway?

ONLY IN HOLLYWOOD



Ruben V. Nepales



KIRK, vs. Michael Douglas



KIEFER Sutherland: Absolute!

Looking like Kirk



JULIA Roberts: Critics not being kind.

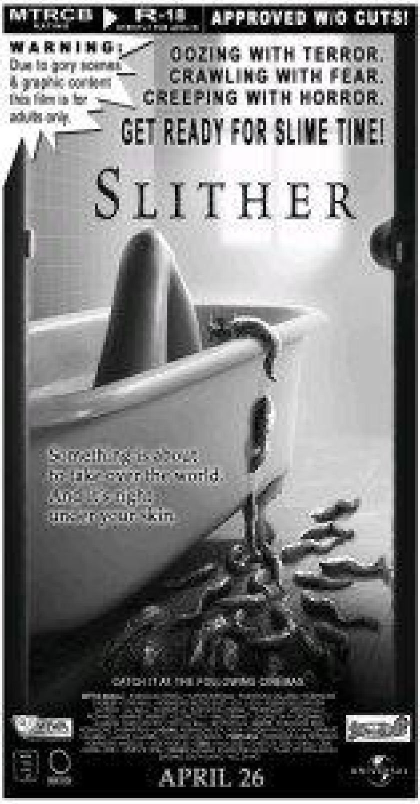
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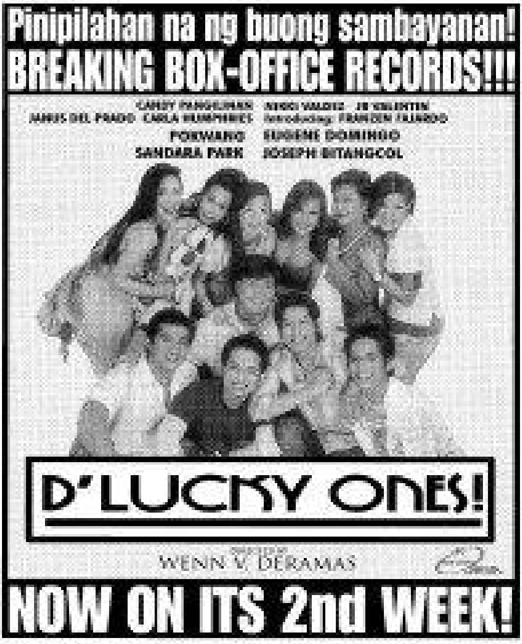
Still loveless

His real name?

Closet rock star









'Idol' loses the heartthrob

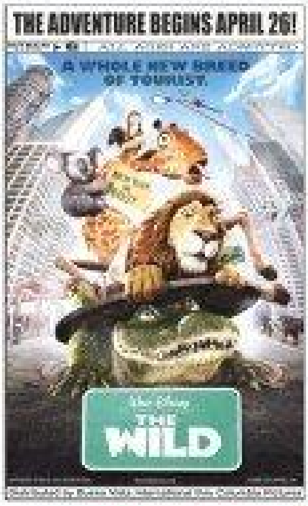


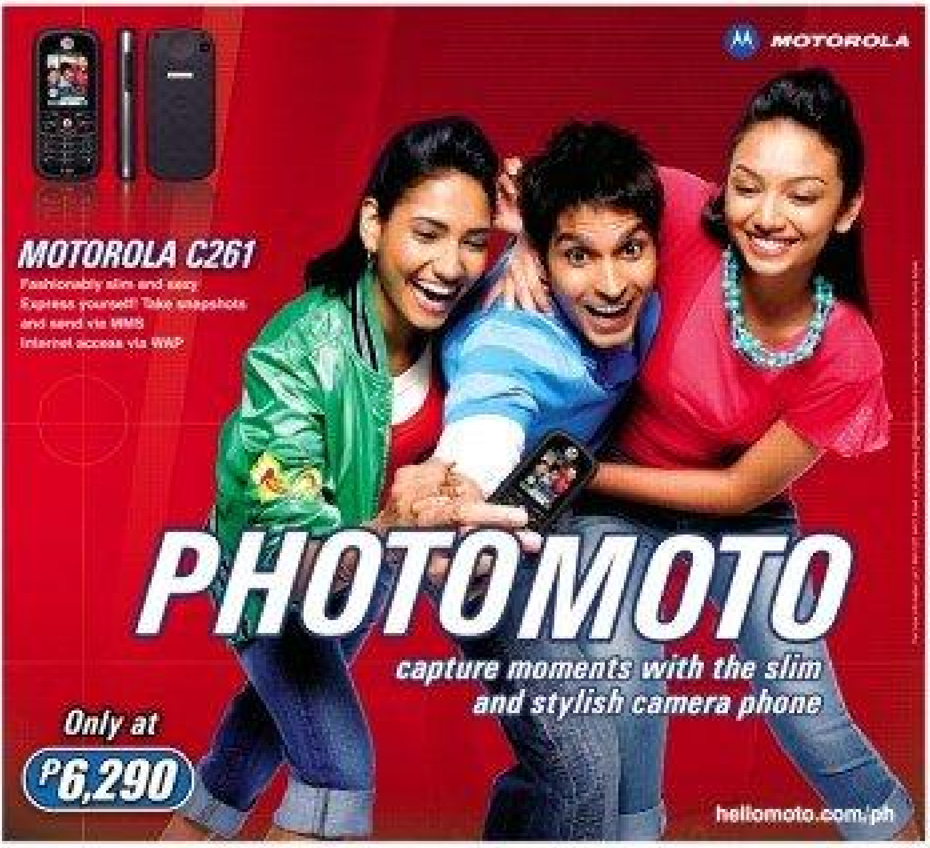
Ace Young

By Kathryn Paulino Reyes

After the last results show, Simon Cowell went up to booted contestant Ace Young, shook his hand, hugged him and said, 'I have a feeling I'm going to see a lot of you.'

INQUIRER EXCLUSIVE





GALLERIA

1 BASIC INSTINCT 2 - TKB
6 EIGHT BELOW
2 PAMAHIIN
7 THE HILLS HAVE EYES
3 SUBMERGED
8 TRISTAN AND ISOLDE
4 THE COOLER
9 ICE AGE 2
5 D' LUCKY ONES
10 MOMENTS OF LOVE

ERMITA

1 ICE AGE 2
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3 AMERICAN SOLDIER / BASIC INSTINCT 2
6 EIGHT BELOW
4 PAMAHIIN
7 D' LUCKY ONES

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2 TRISTAN AND ISOLDE
5 BASIC INSTINCT 2
3 EIGHT BELOW

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1 MOMENTS OF LOVE
2 D' LUCKY ONES
3 RESERVE
4 RESERVE

PIONEER

1 SUBMERGED
2 EIGHT BELOW
3 PAMAHIIN
4 D' LUCKY ONES

STA. ROSA

1 NORTH COUNTRY
2 EIGHT BELOW
3 PAMAHIIN
4 D' LUCKY ONES

LIPA

1 EIGHT BELOW
2 PAMAHIIN
3 NORTH COUNTRY
4 D' LUCKY ONES
5 THE HILLS HAVE EYES

DASMARINAS

1 EIGHT BELOW
2 BASIC INSTINCT 2
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4 D' LUCKY ONES
5 NORTH COUNTRY

ANGELES

1 TRISTAN AND ISOLDE
2 PAMAHIIN
3 D' LUCKY ONES
4 EIGHT BELOW

IMUS

1 PAMAHIIN
2 GRANDMA'S BOY
3 EIGHT BELOW
4 D' LUCKY ONES

STARMILLS

1 TRISTAN AND ISOLDE
2 D' LUCKY ONES
3 PAMAHIIN
4 BASIC INSTINCT 2
5 JUST FRIENDS
6 EIGHT BELOW

BACOLOD

1 EIGHT BELOW
2 D' LUCKY ONES
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4 THE HILLS HAVE EYES
5 HOUSE OF FURY
6 ICE AGE 2

ILOILO

1 ULTRAVIOLET
2 D' LUCKY ONES
3 PAMAHIIN
4 EIGHT BELOW
5 SHE'S THE MAN
6 NANNY MCPHEE

'Idol' loses the . . .

From page A-4

definitely going to miss Kevin Covais. I'm not going to see him on the tour...he missed it by one week.

Personally, what was your favorite performance?

It would have to be "Stellar Gypsy." I really enjoyed that.

Is there any song that you wish you could have done?

There were some Prince songs I really wanted to do.

Would you have loved a Prince week then?

Oh, yes. That would have been a good one for me.

For the last seven years, you said, you have spent Christmas Day singing for patients in a children's hospital. Are you going to do that again this year?

I'm going to do that, yes. It will be my eighth year in a row.

Do you think people are voting more on personality than talent?

I don't know how to answer that. All I know is that the reaction I get when I'm out and about is overwhelming. People really like me. It's humbling. I'm grateful.

This week, you had this new look. You ditched your curly locks and your long-sleeved shirts for a ponytail and a suit. Could that have affected the votes?

You know what? That was the first suit I ever bought. No, not at all. I just really wanted to clean up and get into the mood of a classic song. It fit the mood. When I had my hair down, it was (always) a distraction.

What do you think went wrong?

I don't think anything went wrong. On any given night, anything can happen. I think America was shocked when Mandisa left.

What do you look for in a girl?

I really like someone who has direction. If you have drive and you know what you want to do with your life, I will support you 100 percent. That's the sexiest thing to anybody that I could look for.

What is the biggest lesson that you learned from being on the show?

Just be who you are.

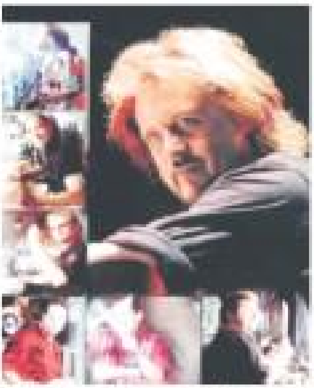
With your looks and talent, aren't you considering acting or modeling?

I would love to. I would love to do everything.

Catch "American Idol" on Star World Wednesdays and Thursdays at 9 a.m. direct satellite, 8 p.m. primetime and 11:30 p.m. replay.

Why is Rolie playing without Santana?

Being a star is not all that it's cracked up to be; being a good musician is everything they say it is and more

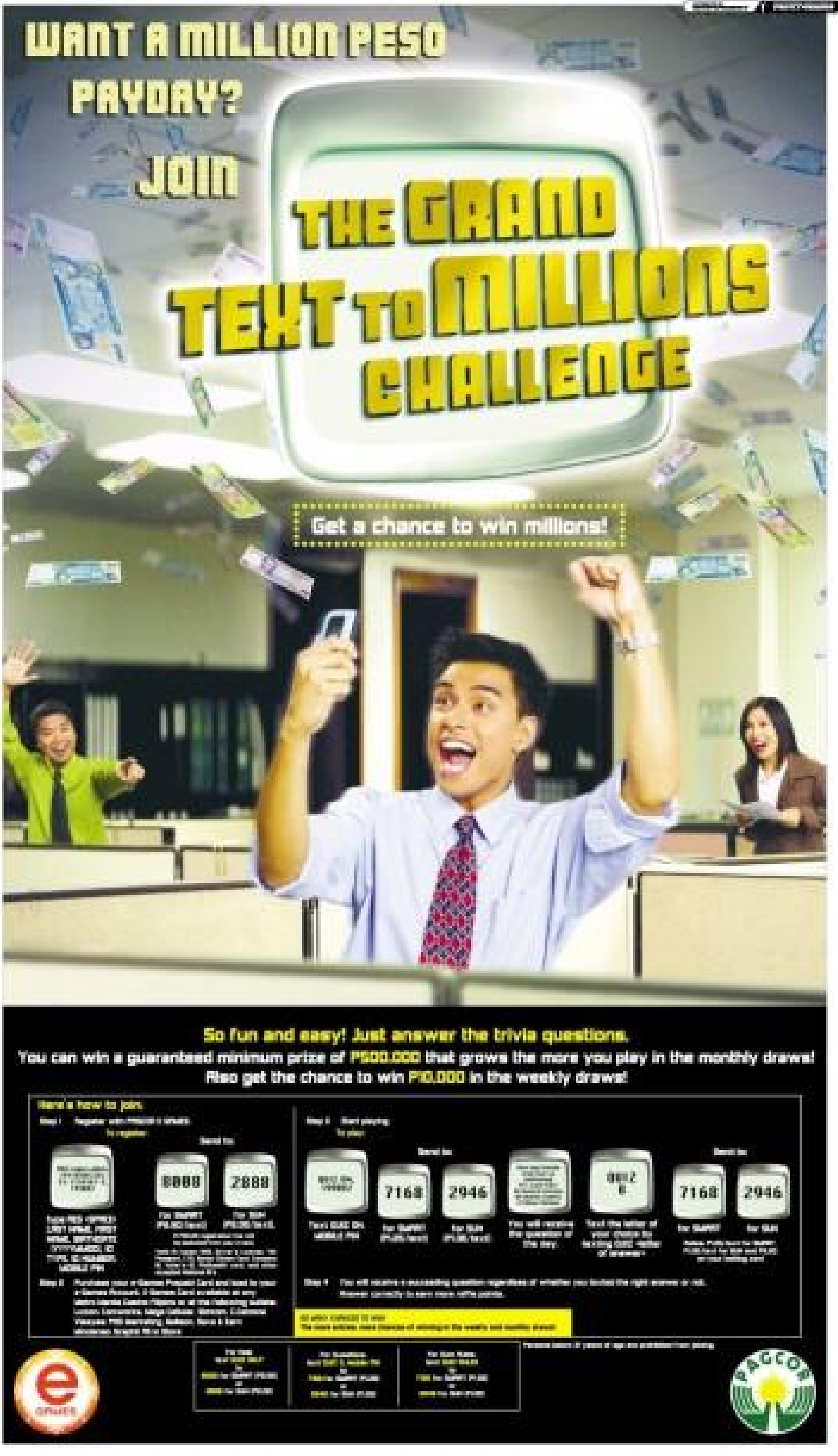


GREGG Rolie and his band: "We have the energy of that old group."

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Sunday Biz





The amazons of Mindanao

Women who fought a war, now farm the land

From amazons to farmers



Dad finds a business solution to son's illness

SEVEN YEARS AGO, Peter Binamira got news no father would ever want to hear: His only child was very sick.

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PETER and Peter ALLAN Binamira

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ECONOMIXX is a device that allows the better fuel combustion.

Build up for children's education

ENROLLMENT SEASON IS HERE ONCE again [illegible]

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Turkish mission to push trade with RP

TURKEY HAS ACHIEVED progress and financial stability in the last four years.

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The Amazons of Mindanao

From page B1

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Women power

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Gathering the sweet fruits of their labor

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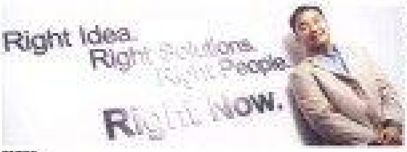
‘Promoting and protecting Church and State’

Pope Benedict XVI confers title on former Securities and Exchange Commission chair





Fil-Am comes home to invest in country’s human capital





Money makes a rebel go round















Sunday LifeStyle
Editor: [illegible]



TESSA tees off
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Her Imeldific wants a 'companion'

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TNT Trends & Trendings



Anton San Diego

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ON THE PAGES of British Tatler, former First Lady Imelda Marcos with Prince Charles in an old photo











ZUBIRI-TAN NUPTIALS

Meant for each other

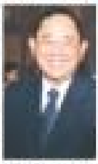




Everything seemed to fit just right, like tea and crumpet









Foggy afternoon

Fully booked

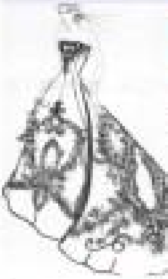


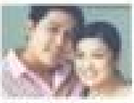


True love









GUILLE-SANTOS



CULLADO-MARIECOTES

Milestones



BRIDGEMAN-CHUA



COMIA-GERNADE

Shrine is inspired by a dream

PURELY PERSONAL



Josephine Darang

Convention

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Devotees

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RAISING kids who read /D4

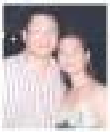


Pepperoni is a sacrifice for me because I am largely vegetarian and meat quite turns me off

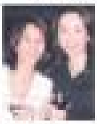
Understanding sacrifice

By Gilda Cordero-Fernando



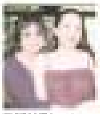














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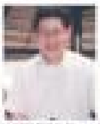
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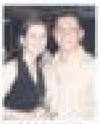


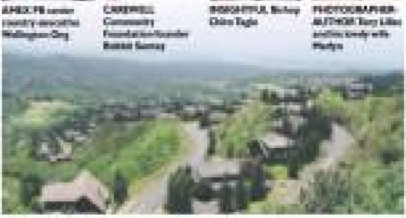












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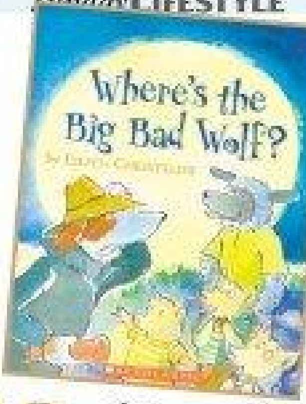
Summer fun for kids

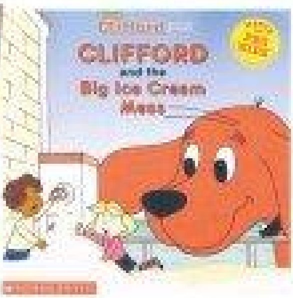




Review classes offered







Raising reading-friendly kids

WHEN I GAVE BIRTH TO Peggy two-and-a-half years ago, I had a laundry list of things I wanted her to do, be and have.

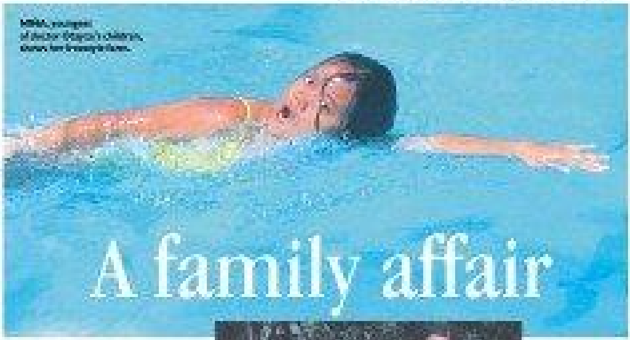


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A book club for Pinoy kids

Understanding sacrifice



A family affair

The Philippines is surrounded by water and we should know survival swimming at least

Text by Linda B. Bolido
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THE FAMILY THAT SWIMS TOgether—has as much fun doing so.

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PDI-BLSS-Speedo Family Summer Swimming Promo

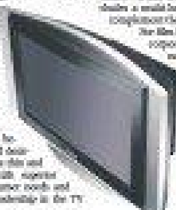


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Slim and sleek

SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS has launched its Slimfit High-Definition Cathode Ray Panel (CRP) TV. Samsung's space-saving technology reduces the depth of this TV by up to 33 percent, resulting in a new product: a TV that uses Cathode Ray Tube (CRT) technology, but has the same styling as an LCD or plasma.

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SAMSUNG Slimfit High-Definition Cathode Ray Panel TV



GOLD Apple Award for Food Category: [illegible]

Supermarket chain honors partners

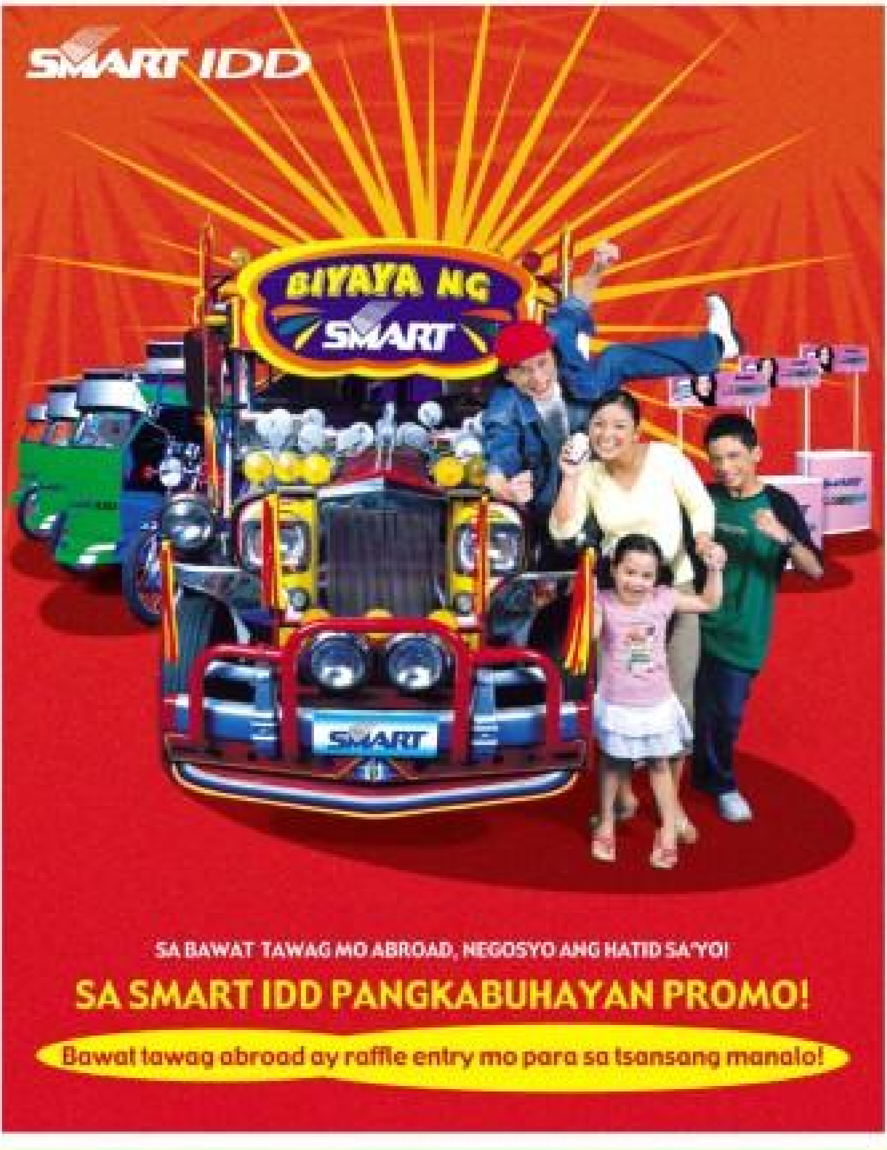
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PLATINUM Apple Award: [illegible]

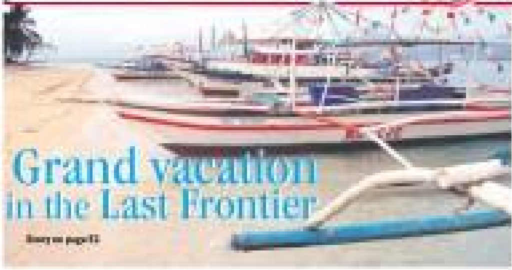


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Sunday LifeStyle Travel



Grand vacation in the Last Frontier

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Hardworking Philam Plans sales agents let it all hang in Palawan

Grand vacation in the Last Frontier

By Constantino C. Tejero

TAGBANUA YOUNGSTERS shivered, leaped and frolicked to the rhythmic beating of [illegible]



AT THE LANAI of a Puerto Princesa hotel, Philam Plans people party in full regalia.

Punk and Caribbean

[illegible]





VACATIONERS island-hop in Honda Bay and visit the crocodile farm.

The scorching early afternoon was spent feeding the fishes with stale bread

Fantasia and exotica

[illegible]

Husband claims he is separated

EMILY'S POST

Emily A. Marcelo



DEAR EMILY,

[illegible]



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